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Subject: language for MSCC letter to Mayor

Doug/Bill – per our conversations – here's the proposed language that Bill Gibbons would send to Mayor on MSCC letterhead, and then an email that would go to the full MSCC board about a special called meeting. From a timeline perspective also, here are what I understand would be next steps to getting this all done. Let me know if this sounds right:

Today, Friday, Dec 2, Letter below goes to mayor on MSCC letterhead.
Monday Dec 5, email goes to MSCC board about a special called meeting
Friday, Dec 9, 4 or 4:30pm - special called meeting where Strickland attends.
Not sure if Strickland still wants to do a press conference on Mon, Dec 12
City Council Vote would be Tues Dec 20.

Dear Mayor Strickland,

As you know we have begun implementation planning for OSC 3, including Objective B1: Clarify and resolve shortages in law enforcement staffing, I understand that you've had conversations with members of our corporate and philanthropic community who would like to assist you and MPD in this objective, and some have inquired with me as to whether the Crime Commission can serve as the 501c3 fiscal agent for their contributions.

The Crime Commission has served as fiscal agent in many such instances where special programming related to our work makes it a natural fit. This is certainly one of those instances and I'm happy to offer our assistance. If you would like to move forward, we will present it to our board for a vote.

Thank you for your leadership and partnership in reducing crime in our community.

Respectfully,

Bill Gibbons

Email to MSCC board of directors

Greetings MSCC Board of Directors,

We will be having a brief but important special called meeting of the board of directors in reference to business outlined in the attached letter this Friday, December 9th, 4pm. This will be an in-person meeting that will also have accommodation for phoning in. Dial in # is: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

The Crime Commission has served as fiscal agent for many programs from Safeways to the DAs bicycle program, so this is not a new type of action for us. However, in this case, because a grant from MSCC to the City of Memphis will need to go to City Council for vote of acceptance, we thought it important to provide the board with an opportunity to ask questions and vote to approve moving forward.

Please RSVP to Sam Walker as to whether you'll attend in person or by phone. Thank you.

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